

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman McCarthy's legislation, H.R. 1384, which honors Buck Owens by naming the postal facility at 118 Minner Avenue as the "Buck Owens Post Office," unanimously passed the House.

*"Buck Owens is not only one of America's country music legends that produced over 20 number one hits, but also one of our own local heroes who gave so much back to Bakersfield," said McCarthy. "It is fitting that we pay tribute to Buck, and I commend my colleagues for quickly passing this bill out of the House and making the 'Buck Owens Post Office' one step closer to Bakersfield."*

Buck Owens moved to Bakersfield in 1951 and contributed greatly to the country music industry. He amassed 21 number one country music hits, of which ten were consecutive number one hits, including "Act Naturally," "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail," and "Streets of Bakersfield." In addition to recording hit country music songs for almost twenty years, Buck could be seen on Hee-Haw. Following Hee-Haw, Buck opened the Buck Owens' Crystal Palace in 1996, where Buck hosted other bands and performed live for fans up until the night he passed away, on March 25, 2006.

Almost one year after Buck's passing, Congressman McCarthy introduced H.R. 1384 and after four months of gathering support among dozens of lawmakers, the bill was passed by unanimous consent out of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. With today's House passage, the bill only needs Senate approval to be sent to the President's desk to be signed into law. Both California Senators have introduced companion legislation in the Senate and are pushing for passage in that body.